

EXAMINING GROUP: 3676

Docket No.: 14036

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	<b>RETROFITTABLE SEVERE DUTY SEAL FOR A SHAFT</b>	Group Art Unit: 3676

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 8, 2003, and the Notice of Non-Compliant

Amendment of January 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.